

REMARKS

Entry of these remarks, reconsideration and withdrawal of all grounds of rejection, and allowance of the pending claims are respectfully requested in light of the above amendments and the following remarks. Claims 1-3 and 5-18 remain pending herein.

Claims 1 -3 and 5 -18 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) over Bosch (U.S. 6,519,601). Applicants respectfully traverse this ground of rejection.

With regard to instant claim 1, a method of generating a medical report includes the steps of displaying a plurality of pre-chosen findings comprising a plurality of medical conditions that are associated with a particular portion or sub-portion of a living body, and displaying a separate medical report on an electronic display, with the display having a summary section. The method includes the step of selecting a pre-chosen finding based on a diagnosis of the particular portion or sub-portion of the body as a user selected finding, and automatically copying the user selected finding from the displayed pre-chosen findings into the summary section of a medical report upon an indication by a user that it is desired that the user-selected finding be added to the summary section of the medical report.

Although it is alleged in the Final Office Action that claim 1 is anticipated by Bosch, Applicants respectfully submit that the pages cited in Bosch that allegedly disclose the claimed elements (which have been closely examined by the Applicants) do not in fact anticipate any of the claims.

For example, Applicants strongly disagree that Fig. 14 of Bosch shows *both the display of pre-chosen findings comprising a plurality of medical conditions and a separate medical report comprising a summary section*. Fig. 14 at best appears to show a search engine display of a selection screen that lists search criteria of drugs for oncology and in drugs general. The top box in Fig. 14 appears to be a menu selection and the lower box provides more detailed criteria. For example, one can search for information regarding the top 20 oncology drugs and/or drugs for the related to the thorax, lumbar spine, etc. ("RX" is well-known as an abbreviated for prescription medication).

Fig. 14 of Bosch is clearly lacking the display of a patient list of medical conditions (the lower box does not display medical conditions), nor does either box comprise a summary section of patient's medical report.

Furthermore, with regard to the alleged disclosure in Bosch at column 38, lines 39-55, that a portion of the disclosure is describing a "Contact Module", which is a main software module of a clinical workstation. A contact is defined in Bosch as an outpatient visit, a hospitalization, a gastroscopy, an operation, a stay in intensive care, or a chemotherapy treatment. Bosch further discloses that when a patient is discharged, the contact module will not be closed (col. 38, lines 53-54). The contact module appears to be nothing more than a file stored in a database that is opened when a patient comes to a hospital to visit or for certain medical procedures. Thus, it is respectfully submitted that Bosch fails to disclose at column 38, lines 39-55 (or suggest for that matter), along with or without Fig. 14, *both the display of pre-chosen findings comprising a plurality of medical conditions and a separate medical report comprising a summary section*, as recited by instant claim 1.

Applicants reiterate that Fig. 14 of Bosch fails to disclose or suggest the selection of a pre-chosen finding that becomes a user selected finding. Fig. 14 of Bosch, as disclosed above, is a type of search engine. At column 7, lines 48-49, Fig. 14 is described as an "illustration of options for browsing a graph."

In addition, Applicants respectfully submit that the disclosure in Bosch at column 5, lines 7-54 is describing two separate claims in the originally filed application. In the cited passage, there is no disclosure that there is an automatic copying of user selected finding from displayed pre-chosen findings into the summary section of a medical report upon an indication that it is desired that the user-selected finding be added. The cited passage in Bosch discloses first and second sets of data tables with columns, the second set of data being a "redundant representation of at least one of said first data", and that the tables are stored in a database and can be accessed by a user. In other words, there is no disclosure of the claim language by instant claim 1.

With regard to Bosch's disclosure at column 28, lines 49-53, there is a disclosure of a "MotifShell", which is a tool to access portions of data and manages open windows in a program. When a user closes a window they are viewing, MotifShell hides it from display rather than actually closing it, so that it can be quickly re-opened, and may require re-initialization or refresh of the data to be viewed. Lines 49-53 of Bosch disclose that MotifShell permits one to copy a window and create a second window that is an identical copy of the first. In other words, Bosch is merely disclosing a copy function, which does not take data selected by a user from a pre-chosen findings section and copy it into a summary section of a medical report.

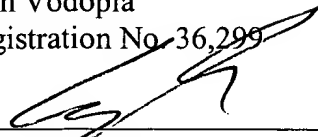
With regard to column 38, lines 56-67, Bosch discloses that the contact module allows patients to be assigned to a particular physician or a department (such as pediatric nephrology) and a patient type (inpatient, outpatient), and a supervising physician. Applicants also note that Bosch discloses at column 38, lines 64-67 that there needs to be either the validation of a medical report or an explicit statement that no report was necessary for this contact. In other words, the entire passage regarding the contact module is completely in the context of a patient visit, and there is absolutely no disclosure or suggestion regarding the copying of a user-selected finding from a list of pre-chosen findings that is copied into a summary section of a medical report. Everything disclosed about the contact module has nothing to do with a medical report, and Bosch discloses that the patient may not even need one.

For all of the above reasons, it is respectfully submitted that instant claim 1 is clearly not anticipated by or obvious in view of Bosch. Applicants respectfully submit that for similar reasons, base claims 8, 9, 16, 17 and 18 are clearly patentable in view of Bosch. All claims dependent from the base claims are allowable both because of their dependency from an allowable base claim and because of an independent basis as well. Applicants respectfully submit that all of the claims in the application are allowable, and any response other than a Notice of Allowance should respond to each of the above points raised by the Applicants, as each one of the issues argued above is sufficient to give rise to allowance of all the claims.

For all the foregoing reasons, it is respectfully submitted that all the present claims are patentable in view of the cited references. A Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested.

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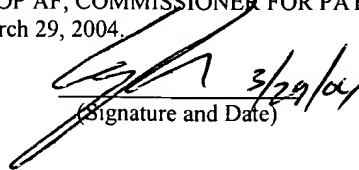
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